

last month at which we elected new officers, such as president, vice president, stewards, collectors, contributor, etc., and last of all, brother J. F. Koontz was called by a unanimous vote as pastor of the church at this place during the next year.

I will now give you a few notes: We have had 143 accessions during the last 3 years and 10 months, or during Brother Koontz's stay at this place. Built a new parsonage of six rooms and pastor's study. Remodeled the church inside and outside. Put in a baptistery with hot and cold water. Lost four by death, and one by letter. Number of members at present, 220.

NETTIE O'NEILL.

Rossville, Ind.

Brother Editor:—I see that Brother Hol-singer is inquiring about some of us lazy fellows. Please whisper in his ear and tell him that if he don't say any more, *I will* write something for the paper before long.

J. H. SWIHART.

Gleanings From the Wayside

"The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice." We are glad to hear from the gleaners, thro the EVANGELIST. Some are bringing whole shocks to the garner, some a few sheaves, and others only a handful, but all for the glory of God. Our meeting at Maple Grove which we began and were continued by Brother Fox resulted in nine additions to the church, notwithstanding the condition of the weather and the environments under which we were laboring. Our meeting at Poplar Grove resulted in two additions, by baptism. Good interest prevailed, but the roads were almost impassable. We are at Salem, one of our charges. Just began the attack on the holds of Satan. Brethren we need your prayers. Can we have them? As ever the same, yours in hope of eternal life.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

Fair Haven, Ohio

Our regular business meeting will be on the 5th of March, at 1 o'clock P. M. A full attendance is requested, as there is important business to be transacted.

WM. KIEFER.

Our Outlook

In presenting the subject of the outlook for the Brethren church in Indiana I rely for data upon facts gleaned and obtained by me as secretary of the Indiana State Convention of the Brethren church. I have the following data:

The ecclesiastical year begins Oct. 1, at which time in 1897 there were forty-five organized churches in the state.

I have access to reports and partial reports from forty-one. These show an average membership of seventy-five.

Should the four churches not reporting sustain this average and allowing for scattered members our numerical strength in Indiana Oct. 1, 1897, was about 3,400. Church houses owned thirty-four, in part 6. This

includes Darwin, Akron and Auburn Junction, which built or began building houses in 1897.

Twenty-two young people's societies are sustained. About twenty-two prayer meetings are sustained a part or all of the year. Thirty-nine churches support forty-two Sunday schools. Twenty-three ministers are engaged in active work.

Ninety-four delegates enrolled at the last State Convention, at which time a State evangelist was elected and \$373 in pledges and cash was reported for state mission work.

In 1896 and 1897, sixteen places have either been reported or mentioned by individuals as open fields for state mission work.

A greater number of churches reported in 1897 than 1896, thus manifesting, it seems to me, an interest and zeal in the work. Several church edifices were erected and new congregations organized, thereby showing an aggression in the work.

Sunday-school work seems to be well under way but may mention that the mid-week prayer meeting and young people's work seems to be in arrears of the Sunday-school work.

If we can unify and more thoroughly organize the work for young people and bring it to the same standard as Sunday-school work we have achieved much. Such is plausible and praiseworthy. We may attain it if the enthusiasm manifested at our last State Convention be distributed among the congregations of the state.

It is not so clear to me how we may attain the same result in regard to weekly prayer meetings but think Christian development in other lines will help solve the problem.

Our last conference was a power for good and many are looking forward to the time of conventions for 1898.

In convention work and direct results our outlook is glorious, because it seems to me we are just in the near future to reap the harvest of the sowing of many previous conventions.

To recede from former positions and decrease in numbers is digression. To only hold our own, in a general way, shows decadence. To advance into new fields and strengthen the ones already occupied, shows progression.

This brings me to the conclusion that the missionary zeal of a Christian people marks their spiritual life as a local church and that it indicates the life and purpose of the organic body of which they are a part.

I believe I may say Indiana is awake to missions. Much has been done for National missions.

Ninety-four delegates in convention assembled unanimously declared that we need a State evangelist constantly in the field. They not only so declared but put the declaration in execution by electing one.

Already the fruit of said action is visible. At least one church organized, souls saved and duty done.

A mite from every member in the state will be abundant to carry on the work and

as we would increase our giving in the same way would the workers increase.

From at least sixteen places comes the cry "Come over and help us" and one lone evangelist to preach at all of them.

It truly seems to me Indiana is going to spring to the rescue and say not only one but many to go forth within the borders of our state to herald Jesus to a dying people.

I believe as our people see lasting results they will give cheerfully in order that all these places may be taken for Christ and his kingdom.

In conclusion I may say our outlook in the state is good as regards

1. The local work.
2. In manifested zeal for missions.
3. In open doors in our state for mission work.
4. In doing state mission work.
5. In convention work that will tell in achieved results.

WM. H. MILLER.

Brighton, Ind.

Vinco, Pa.

Dear Evangelist:—We are hard at work here. The church is growing in numbers and spirituality. Brother Alvin Byers has accepted the unanimous call of the Fairview and the Pike congregations. This is the home of brother Alvin and speaks well for him, as well as for the congregation. It shows the high regard in which he stands here. We believe this is right. Every congregation ought to take care of its talent. We will locate at Harrisonburg, Va., my former field of labor, and fight the devil from the old stand. Yours for the gospel-alone.

JOS. I. HALL.

Brooklyn, Iowa

The series of meetings which have been in progress at the Brethren church in south town for the past ten days closed Tuesday evening. A number professed conversion and the church was strengthened and helped by Rev. Talley's presence. He is a speaker of wonderful power, a thorough student in Biblical lore and his sermons appeal to reason and the better nature. He has accomplished a good work here, and naught but good results will follow it. We are informed that the members of the church have completed arrangements and expect to have a regular pastor here in the near future.—*Chronicle.*

Kanemorado Notes.

Dear Evangelist: Just closed a meeting at Fair Play, Mo. There were three members living here and we called to visit them and to give them a few meetings. Commenced meeting on Wednesday Feb. 16th, closed Sunday night with one addition by baptism. Weather was bad except at opening service. The attendance was fairly good. Many desired the continuance of the meetings but other appointments forbid it. Am at this writing at Adrian, Mo. Find need of much work at this place. The church is al-